

March 9, 2009

Senator Edward Meyer, Co-Chairperson
Representative Richard Roy, Co-Chairperson
Connecticut General Assembly
Environment Committee
Room 3200, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106-1519

RE: HB 6553 An Act Concerning Sunday Hunting (Public Hearing; March 9, 2009)

Dear Committee Co-Chairpersons:

My name is Bruce Tolhurst. I live in the Town of Marlborough. I am writing to you regarding HB 6553; An act concerning Sunday Hunting. I support this bill.

I am not a deer hunter and I have never hunted deer. I am a homeowner. I am a camper. I am a hiker. I am an outdoorsman. I am a fisherman. In all ways I love and respect nature and the outdoors.

I wholeheartedly believe that the DEP needs the best tools available to maintain balanced populations, preclude disease "boom & bust cycles", and lessen property damage. Connecticut laws and established regulations by DEP need to provide the best tools possible for wildlife management. Allowing Sunday hunting will greatly enhance the ability of DEP to manage Connecticut's wildlife.

Thank you for your service and diligence in reviewing this proposed bill. I strongly urge you to support this proposed bill.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mary Ann Handley, Senator 4th District
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